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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"We want them for police purposes."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSALU NAYUDU :—"Will the Government, after their consideration, place the scheme before the Council, before they arrive at any decisions ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I am sorry it is not possible for me to give an undertaking in that direction."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I know what is the total recurring expenditure involved in the Government accepting the scheme ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"As I have said, the Government have not come to any conclusion."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"I am not asking for conclusions. I am asking what will be the total expenditure involved if the Government accepts this scheme of Mr. Cunningham ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I want notice."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know, Sir, if in calculating the living cost of the officer concerned, his obligations towards his family are also taken into account ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I want notice."

Irrigation

Repairs to the Vadattur Kasam in Tiruvallur taluk.

*522 Q.—Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that by the decision of Second Appeal No. 1584 of 1907 of the High Court of Judicature, Madras, the irrigation source known as Vadattur Kasam, No. 455 of the Public Works Department Imperial list, in Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district, is solely in charge of the Government;

(b) if so, whether any repairs were done to this Kasam for the last two decades; and

(c) if not, whether the Government will now be pleased to repair this source ?

A.—(a) to (c) A report has been called for from the Chief Engineer.

11-15 a.m. Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—"Sir, the answer to this question is that a report has been called for from the Chief Engineer. May I know when the report is expected and how long the scheme has been neglected ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"I do not know when it can be expected, Sir."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—"May I know why this important scheme has been neglected so long, Sir, seeing that the courts have decreed long long ago that it is a Government property ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"Without knowing the facts I cannot admit the implications in the hon. Member's question."